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388 TFW KORAT

DODSPECREP BANGKOK

DODSPECREP NKP

CHSPECATS BANGKOK

7 ACCS KORAT

354 TFW KORAT RTAFB

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432 TRW UDORN
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8 TFW UBON
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SUBJECT: LAO SITUATION REPORT - MAY 23

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388 TRW, 354 TFW AND 8 TFW FOR DO/ DI; MACTHAI FOR J2
AND PAO.

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BEGIN SUMMARY: MILITARY - RELATIVELY LOW LEVEL OF
GROUND ACTION PERSISTED DURING PERIOD 21-22 MAY, AS
SEVEN MINOR INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED. RLAF FLEW TEN
SORTIES. POLITICAL- PERSONNEL CHANGES IN CANADIAN ICC DELEGATION.
END SUMMARY.

1. MILITARY SITUATION

A. MR I: NO GROUND OR AIR ACTION REPORTED. REPORTS
HAVE BEEN RECEIVED DESCRIBING TWO MEETINGS BETWEEN FAR
AND PL SOLDIERS IN VILLAGES NORTHEAST OF LUANG PRABANG,
ROYAL CAPITAL, WHICH INDICATE BOTH SIDES CONTINUE
EFFORTS AIMED AT LOW LEVEL ACCOMMODATION.

B. MR II: ONLY GROUND ACTION IN REGION WAS MINOR
CLASH SOUTHWEST OF THA VIANG ON 21 MAY (NO CASUALTIES).
RLAF FLEW NO SORTIES.

C. MR III: LOCAL DEFENSE UNIT, OPERATING APPROX 15
KM NORTH/ NORTHEAST OF SENO, REPORTED ONE MINOR CLASH
AND ONE SHELLING ON 21 MAY AND ANOTHER LIGHT MORTAR
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ATTACK ON FOLLOWING DAY (NO CASUALTIES). RLAF FLEW
ONE AC-47 GUNSHIP SORTIE DURING NIGHT 21 MAY, IN
SUPPORT OF FOREGOING ACTION, AS WELL AS THREE T-28
SORTIES ON 22 MAY, TO SUPPORT REPORTED TROOPS IN
CONTACT SOUTH OF MUONG PHALANE (ONE MORTAR PROBABLY
DESTROYED).

D. MR IV: THERE WERE TWO MINOR INCIDENTS, WITHOUT CASUALTIES: PATROL CLASH JUST SOUTH OF SOUKHOUMA ON 21 MAY AND ATTACK BY MORTAR FIRE IN PHIAFAY AREA ON 22 MAY. RLAF FLEW NO SORTIES.

E. MR V: ONE EXTENDED PATROL CLASH OCCURRED VENING 21 MAY, APPROX 65 KM NORTHWEST OF VIENTIANE (ONE FRIEND KIA, ONE WIA). RLAF FLEW TWO AC-47 GUNSHIP SORTIES, IN SUPPORT OF FOREGOING ACTION, AS WELL AS FOUR T-28 SORTIES NEXT MORNING AGAINST ENEMY TROOPS IN SAME AREA (4 ENEMY CONFIRMED KBA).

2. POLITICAL SITUATION

A. ICC/ LAOS CANADIAN COMMISSIONER DAVID JACKSON DEPARTED VIENTIANE PERMANENTLY OFR NEW DUTY ASSIGNMENT MAY 22. JOHN HAMMILL, FORMER ICC/ LAOS CANDEL, WILL SERVE AS ACTING COMMISSIONER UNTIL HIS OWN DEPARTURE JUNE 2. HAMMILL WILL BE REPLACED BY ANOTHER MID- GRADE OFFICER, ANDRE SIMARD, WHO WILL BE ACTING COMMISSIONER. SENIOR MILITARY ADVISER POSITION IN CANADIAN DELEGATION WILL BE HELD BY A LIEUTENANT COLONEL, IN LIEU OF BRIGADIER- GENERAL FORMERLY ASSIGNED. BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE, JACKSON TOLD CHARGE CANADIANS WILL MAINTAIN REDUCED TOKEN REPRESENTATION WITH ICC/ LAOS BUT DO NOT PLAN AT THIS TIME TO CLOSE THEIR MISSION.
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